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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Tom Watkins

DATE: February 24, 2004

SUBJECT: 2004-05 Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant Application

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce the availability of the Homeless Students' Assistance grant application for the 2004-05 school year. These grants are funded under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act*, Title X, Part C of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

The Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant will be awarded to local school districts, intermediate school districts, and public school academies for projects that:

- facilitate the attendance and success in school of homeless children and youth;
- demonstrate innovative methods of eliminating barriers to enrollment;
- encompass a large service area and coordinate services to avoid duplication of effort; and
- provide direct services to homeless students.

Direct services to students may include the following: supplementary instruction, materials and supplies, referral services, immunizations, transportation, expediting the acquisition of student records, and the cost of other needs of homeless students that LEAs may not be able to provide. Direct services to students do not include professional development or parent education activities, even though such activities are necessary to achieve the purpose of the grant.

The grant application, criteria and instructions will be posted on the Department's website at www.michigan.gov/mde on March 8, 2004. Select "Grants." Next, click on the "Michigan Electronic Grant Systems (MEGS)." Then click on "Login to MEGS."

If you have any questions about the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant, please contact James Candela, State Homeless Education Coordinator, or Sylvia Colles at 517-241-1162.

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